

## The Corner Stone of the Colored Y. M. C. A. will be Laid May 31

### The Negro and Metropolitan Life

Improvement in Our Daily Customs.  
(By Charles A. Starks.)

A city has a right to be called Metropolitan in so far as it demonstrates its ability to adequately supply the demands of an ever-evolving population. Citizens only show themselves worthy of the blessings of a high proof regime in so far as they create and maintain this out of their own industry and a close practice of manners and customs which aid to preserve this order and beauty. This high standard need not be lowered to let the Negro in on the ground floor. He, like others, can, and must meet the demands of this high civilization which seemingly requires mankind to live in cities with a population so great that the compactness of humanity has been correctly likened unto sardines in a box with breathing space at a premium. So to live the true Metropolitan life it is well to consider some of the little things that contribute largely to law and order in a well settled city and helps so much to promote a common understanding among all.

**Department on Street Cars.**  
Ordinarily the introduction of so common a utility as the street car and its proper use would seem unnecessary but nothing is more important than this phase of city life, as it is the general conveyance of the mass of workers and toilers who must change their geographical position in the city at least twice a day. So as each citizen realizes this absolute necessity of mingling daily with (not always) a "homogeneous mass" and brushing shoulders and sustaining jolts, he or she should qualify in mind to always do the part which is best calculated to facilitate traffic and make transportation as pleasant and agreeable as possible. The street cars are for all, hence every patron has an individual responsibility in making its usefulness all-sufficient. Our people are reasonably up on deportment when riding on the cars, though some have not yet learned how to "deport" themselves. An offensive loudness seems to characterize these persons which is even embarrassing to their friends when they practice it in their presence. As a rule it is some elderly person with lusty lungs who is the offender. Just why Sister Jones who is seated in the rear of the car attempts to hold conversation with Sister Johnson, who is half reclining up near the front is incomprehensible. Or to be fair, it is not all together clear why a certain class of laborers and sometimes professional men choose to air their business before others who are disinterested and only pray that they may be spared intrusion from an unwarranted loudness. The fact that this disturbing element by no means comes exclusively from the Negro quarter does not justify it. Loudness is a badge of inferiority anywhere; let it be practiced by whom it may, and is not in comport with the higher demand of Metropolitan life which says: Every citizen must show an appreciation of good common sense deportment.

**General Observations.**  
There are many things conducive to good city life which it would take a large volume to elucidate, but improvement in ordinary things among our people would aid much in effecting a higher order of living. Among these things is the home "the dearest spot on earth." The average housewife of our race makes a good showing in interior appointment of her home, she having both technical and "practical" experience in that line. But all have not learned that the jurisdiction of the housekeeper is not confined from parlor to the kitchen, but rather from the street curbing to the alley fence with a generous margin on the other side. And in this work the presiding one may enlist husband and children and those volunteers who may offer their services. Then sidewalks will be swept and washed, windows cleaned and the general front made "spick and span"—where possible flower beds will be set, adding beauty and order.  
In the hot sultry days when much time is spent of evenings on the porch we should seek a better appearance. The laborer certainly has a right to divest himself of his "work clothes" and allow himself a clean shirt and like things which make for a pleasing appearance. The wonder is that he does not always avail himself of this privilege or if he has not these "luxuries" let him remember that there is dignity in a fresh laundered suit of overalls because of the air of cleanliness that is there and the more they are washed, the more they receive an added dignity. But the most impossible creature is the woman who will not care for her children or for herself. "I ain't done nothing to my head today," is generally a sloven apology for a neglected appearance. And evidently she HAS NOT done anything to her "head" either from a standpoint of mental improvement or with those common instruments of warfare—comb and brush.  
As a whole, our women have made wonderful strides in matters of dress

in the last ten years and considering their limited means it is little less than astonishing. We may safely say that their culture and refinement has kept pace with their appearance and we have every hope of a still nobler type of woman in the future. So much for city life at this writing.

### THE OBJECTS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.

An Address Before the Fourth Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Chicago, 1912.

(By Oswald Garrison Villard.)  
The objects of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People may be put into a single sentence: This society exists in order to combat the spirit of persecution and prejudice which confronts the colored people of this land, and to assure them every right, privilege and opportunity to which every citizen of the United States is entitled. That it exists at all is in itself an indictment of our American democracy. For it asks no favors, no privileges, no special advantages or benefits for those disadvantaged ones, whose fathers and mothers but fifty years ago today were still being sold on the auction block as so much live stock. It does not, of course, ask that financial reparation be made to them for what their race suffered under the monstrous aggregation of wrongdo-

### THE SCOTTISH RITE OUTING TO BE SOCIAL FETE—LEAVENWORTH MASONRY TO TURN OUT IN MASS.

Allah Temple and Kansas City Consistory Preparing to Eclipse all Former Efforts.

The May trolley party to be given by Kansas City Consistory No. 7, and Allah Temple No. 6 on Thursday evening May 14 to Leavenworth, Kansas promises to be one of the most splendid social events of the season and will perhaps eclipse anything in the way of entertainment which these two bodies have heretofore undertaken.

Oswald Garrison Villard, owner and editor of the New York Evening Post and grandson of William Lloyd Garrison, will address a Mass Meeting at the Second Baptist Church, Wednesday evening, May 13, under the auspices of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

All Invited—Admission Free.

taken. The Masons of Leavenworth Kansas will join hands with the visitors from this city to make it an evening of pleasure and brilliant entertainment.

The Ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter of Leavenworth, Kansas have taken charge of the refreshments and will serve all the dainties of the season as only the ladies of that splendid city know how. A special orchestra composed of some of the best musicians of Kansas City will discourse

joy tripping the light fantastic too. There will be no drilling nor any speech making to mar the pleasure of the young folks. The fare will be 50 cents for the round trip. As this entertainment will be, rain or shine, cold or hot, those who anticipate going will do well to secure their tickets from some member of the Rite beforehand and avoid congestion at 10th and Main on the eve of the outing. Don't fail to save your transfer, as this will prevent having to pay car fare from 10th and Main to Kansas City, Kansas. Everybody is invited to go on this first outing of the season and have a good time.

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**"MOTHER'S DAY"**  
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### PASTOR'S WIFE IS DEAD.

Well-Known Worker Among Colored People for Years.

Mrs. Waterloo Bullock Snelson, 44 years old, wife of Rev. Floyd G. Snelson, pastor of Mt. Vernon A. M. E. church, died at noon yesterday at St. Anthony's Hospital after an operation. The funeral will be held at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church at 1:30 p. m. next Friday, Rev. Ira A. Collins officiating. The body will lie in state from 8 a. m. until 1 p. m. Friday at Mt. Vernon A. M. E. church.

Mrs. Snelson was a native of Atlanta, Ga. She married Rev. Mr. Snelson on Christmas night 1890, and accompanied him in his ministry in Georgia, California, Kansas, Missouri, Massachusetts, Bermuda Islands and Columbus.

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### MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day will be celebrated throughout the country May 10 (always the second Sunday in May). The idea of a National Memorial Day on which all persons, irrespective of race or creed, may honor the living mother and recall the blessed memories of mothers that are gone, was conceived by Miss Anna Jarvis of 264 North Twelfth street, Philadelphia. For original idea embraced the simultaneous observance in every part of the world of the love and reverence which all men and women owe their mothers. The carnation, which is especially chosen because of its whiteness, which stands for purity; its form and fragrance, representing beauty and love; its wide field of growth and lasting qualities, symbolizing charity and faithfulness—all a true mother's virtues. The purpose of this international honor to "Mother" has been inspired by leading men in the political and religious life of the world by lodges, societies, churches and schools. The special tribute asked on that day is some act of remembrance of one's mother. Wear a white carnation if mother is dead, if she is living send her a bouquet or wear any color desired.

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### AN ANNOUNCEMENT DINNER.

Mrs. T. E. Grear and Mrs. Clara Simons entertained with a 6 o'clock tea Sunday. The house was beautifully decorated, the colors being red and white; the dining table was arranged with a beautiful cluny glass set; the center piece was a cut glass bowl filled with red tulips. Four red candlesticks, each holding red shades. The four ladies serving from the table were: Blanche Wilson of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Beatrice Henderson, Mrs. Albert L. Rumlings, Miss Ethel John of Topeka, Kansas. The menu was as follows:

Chicken Persilla  
Pear Salad with Barley Dew and Marachino Cherries  
Sandwiches shaped as Clover Leaves and Diamonds  
Tea served from a Silver Service at the table.  
Ice Cream consisting of Cupids, Belts, Rings, Hearts, Bow Knots, Slippers; Red and White Candy; Nuts.

Mrs. Wilson and Miss Johns were adorned in beautiful red gowns carrying out the color scheme.

When all had finished, Syble Simons walked in with a Cupid doll hanging from a stream of red ribbon and hung from its arms was red hearts and white cupid which announced the engagement of their sister, Grace Thomas, to Mr. Henry Martin of Jersey City, N. J. The wedding will take place early in June. Miss Thomas then let all have a peep into her most beautiful dowry chest. Those present were: Mrs. M. Perkins, Mrs. E. Taylor, Mrs. H. Robinson, Mrs. W. Peck, Mrs. Ruby Lockhart, Mrs. H. Martin, Mrs. F. Mitchell, Mrs. J. Marshall, Mrs. M. Crane, Mrs. P. Thompson, Miss B. Glass, Miss M. Thomlin, Mrs. M. Middleton, Mrs. R. Webb, Mrs. M. Hickinbotham, Mrs. M. Dixon, Mrs. C. Rogers, Mrs. J. Todd, Mr. C. Cowen, Mrs. E. Hendricks, Mrs. J. Reeves, Miss F. Hayes, Miss H. Miller, Mrs. Cavell, Mrs. B. Wilson, Miss E. Johnson, Mrs. A. Rummoms, Mrs. B. Henderson, Miss E. Donley.

### MASONIC.

Mrs. Alice O. Jones, Past Grand Most Ancient Matron of the Grand Court, H. of J., is the author of a juvenile ritual and hand-book "Circles" which she will use in establishing "Circles" among the children of the Masonic family.

The little booklet is gotten up with great credit, following somewhat in the style and vein of the Heroines ritual and is simply adapted to its intended use.

The idea of affiliating the Masonic children is not a bad one by any means and ought to meet with no opposition among the adult members of the order. Of course it would not follow that each child taken into the juvenile department would later by any irregular steps, be admitted in the lodges or courts; but the training in the youthful order would no doubt serve as an inspiration for the higher work when the proper age and opportunity have been reached. The boys would have a decided advantage over the girls in this, too, for the reason that the adult female organizations require the qualification of relationship while the male departments do not.

The idea of Mrs. Jones embraces a system of financial benefits which should also appeal to parents to say nothing of the moral and spiritual, perhaps social, advantages embraced in the scheme.

The plan is to be offered at the session of the Grand Court to be held this month and the friends of the author are already assuring their co-operation in its adoption. "Sister" Jones will doubtless thereafter be hailed as "Mother" Jones and will devote the full measure of her time in spreading her new order throughout the country.

HERRIFORD.

### ONE AND ONE TRIUMPHANTLY MARCHES THE NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE. FIVE SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS MAY 3.

The first division led by President F. J. Weaver assisted by Ed. Loden, T. A. Ross, H. P. Ewing and F. L. Mattson enjoyed a grand reception among the good people of Bethel A. M. E. Church. Rev. F. D. Wells, a thunder and lightning gospel minister grandly and masterly espoused our cause. President Weaver was in harness pulling strongly. Mr. C. A. Franklin leading the second division met the members and friends of the Third Baptist Church of Round Top, 29th and Mersington, Mr. Edward Jones, Wm. Robinson, T. W. Rice, and Mr. Franklin won the favor of the people and carried the battle gloriously to success. Dr. J. E. Dibble leading the third division, met the people of the Central Baptist church, located on 14th and Spruce. Dr. Dibble's assistant speakers were absent, yet it was nevertheless a most successful meeting. Dr. Dibble is a defender, yea, a champion for freedom. Pastor and people were glad because he was alone. This fact proves our contention that one man who is "right" will carry a meeting to success. Good boy Doctor, when you cannot be on hand, call me up. The fourth division, led by Hon. L. A. Knox entertained grandly the friends of the Round Top A. M. E. Zion Church. Rev. Moore was sick and appealed to the secretary of the league to preach for him in such a way, it was impossible to deny. We mean to preach, but God has set a time. His servants came in a clean way above reproach for the master's cause. "I will make your great commission known." That is God's business. He cannot lie. He never fails. I know how to follow the Master. So we took the text, "Jesus said follow Me." Our theme was, discipleship servants and friends. Solution, "The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men." The Lord gave us great freedom in the spirit and we enjoyed a spiritual feast. Speeches brief and pointed were made by Wm. Johnson, T. W. Rice and Mr. C. A. Franklin came in, in time to raise a collection. Rev. Moore is a wide awake young pastor and he remarked how the people tarried about the church after the services as the best sign that God is in the work." The Business League Steam Roller is moving. It is a gospel roller. It grinds opposition into powder. Sunday, May 10, the first division, under President F. J. Weaver will be at Zion A. M. E. Church. Rev. Snowden, pastor at 5th and Belmont. Speakers: Dr. Howard M. Smith, Prof. G. A. Page, J. A. Wilson and R. B. DeFrantz. Second division under C. A. Franklin. Hon. W. C. Hueston, Dr. Thos. A. Fletcher, H. B. Moore and John Day will be at Dr. J. E. Hulse's church, near Charlotte and Independence avenue. Dr. J. E. Dibble commanding the third division will be in Pilgrim's Baptist Church. C. C. Calloway, pastor. Rev. Calloway's Church is just a few doors north of Rev. Hulse's church. Speakers: Dr. A. D. Bradbury, D. W. White and Prof. J. Silas Harris. The fourth division will be led by Hon. L. A. Knox and meets the friends of Madame Biglow's Chapel. Speakers: S. W. Shannon, J. H. Malone and Prof. T. W. H. Williams between 5th and 6th on Lydia avenue, also Rev. John Devlin's Baptist Church in the same block. Speakers: J. Dallas Bowser, E. E. Vaughan and C. H. Adkins.

Next Wednesday night, May 13, the cause will be opened in Kansas as the League and Society for the advancement of our people are so alike in aim and design; as they are one let us all be one. As the hospital folks are united, so let us gradually, yet surely unite for the common good. Hon. C. H. Calloway, Hon. C. A. Franklin, Hon. L. A. Knox, and President F. J. Weaver leading, we are booked for Metropolitan Baptist Church Wednesday at 8 p. m. Every member should turn out if possible. Yours for Negro Enterprise, E. A. ROBINSON, Campaign Field General.

### RESOLUTIONS FROM ALLEN CHAPEL USHER'S BOARD.

Whereas, the Grim Reaper has visited our Usher's Board, and with his scythe cut down one of our dutiful and active members; and

Whereas, our hearts are made sad by this sudden transition, and we are made to feel that life is such a brief span after all, and that it must be a happy duty to him who dies at his post of duty with his armor on; and

Whereas, his life of usefulness should be an inspiration to other young men of our Church, and more particularly, of the Usher's Board; and

Whereas, our sympathy goes out to the bereaved widow in this her hour of sadness, and as the shadow of life lengthens may her grief be assuaged;

Be it resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent for publication to the Kansas City Sun and the Western Christian Recorder.

Be it further resolved, that a copy be sent to the bereaved widow, and a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Usher's Board. Sorrowfully submitted, W. C. HUESTON, President.

C. H. CALLOWAY, Secy. Protem.

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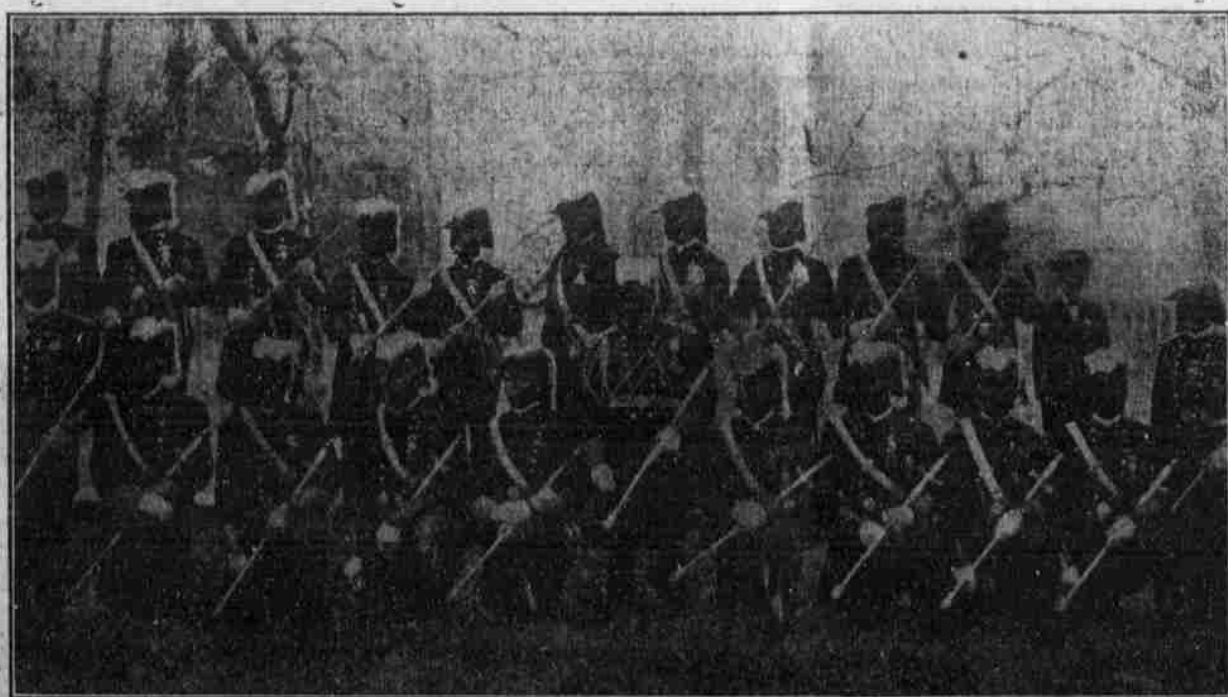
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### Our First Rally

Bethel Chapel A. M. E. Church will give their first rally on Sunday, May 17. The Church is divided into two clubs known as the United States and Mexico. President of U. S., Bro. Ardis Phillips; President of Mexico, Rev. F. D. Wells. These two powerful countries will contest for supremacy on the above named date. All friends are requested to assist us. F. D. WELLS, Pastor.

by a son, who is editor of the Columbus Independent; three daughters, one a teacher in the Girls' Training School at Dayton, Fla.; another married and living in Pittsburg, and the third a 7-year-old child.—The Ohio State Journal, Columbus, Monday, morning May 4, 1914.

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THE AETHENEUM ART CLUB  
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TUESDAY NIGHT, MAY 12  
At Lyric Hall.



K. C. PATRIARCH NO. 66.

The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Patriarches, Councils, Lodges, Households and Juveniles will hold their 71st Anniversary Thanksgiving services at the Second Baptist Church, Tenth and Charlotte Streets, Sunday, May 10, 1914 at 2:15 p. m. Sermon by Rev. W. H. Thomas, D. D., Pastor of Allen Chapel, also P. N. F. of Canochet Lodge No. 2439 Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of Newport, R. I. Line of march will form at 1 o'clock at 18th and Lydia, headed by Odd Fellows' Juvenile Band and Kansas City Patriarch No. 66. All brothers in good standing, invited to a attend. A. R. High, Chairman; J. J. Tyler, Marshal.